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Applicant: Kota IWAMOTO

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed January 30, 2009, Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group I, claims 1-4, 25-32, 50-51 and 59, which are drawn to compare a feature quantity for each divided small region of an inquiry image with a feature quantity for each divided small region of a reference image, classified in class 382, and subclass 190. Applicant, of course, reserves the right to file a divisional application covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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